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## HB 1186 Property Tax Credit-Elderly Individuals, Veterans, and Surviving Spouses-Alteration of Duration House Ways and Means Committee March 1, 2022

Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Washington and members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

HB 1186 alters the number of years that local governments may grant a property tax credit for certain elderly individuals, veterans, or surviving spouses by extending the duration of the tax credit from a period of 5 years to up to 10 years. The amount of the tax credit may not exceed 20% of the county or municipal property tax imposed on the property.

This bill extends the property tax credit that was passed in 2016 for qualifying individuals including those 65 and over that have lived in the same house for a minimum of 40 years; retired member of the uniformed services of the United States that are at least 65 years old, a surviving spouse at least 65 years old of that uniformed service member that remains unmarried; an active duty, retired, or honorable discharged member of the uniformed services with a service-connected disability, or that member's unmarried surviving spouse.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report from the committee.

Sincerely,

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